

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

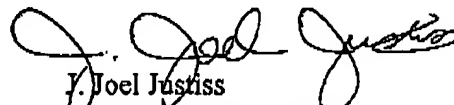
The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the Application. In previous responses, the Applicants added Claims 22-26, amended Claims 1, 8 and 15 and canceled Claims 5, 12, 19 and 22-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the present proposed amendment, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 15 and have canceled Claims 8-11, 13-14 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the present amendment can be found at least in paragraphs 29-31 and 46-58 and Figure 3 of the present specification. As discussed with the Examiner, currently pending Claims 1-4, 6-7, 15-18, 20-21, 24 and 26 should be in condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-4, 6-7, 15-18, 20-21, 24 and 26.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application. No fees should be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395 if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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